

Minutes

Judicial Education Committee Meeting October 5, 2001-- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. National City Center, Room 1071

1. Committee Members Present:
Bruce Embrey (chair), Nancy Vaidik, Mike Witte, Ted Boehm, Jim Williams, Earl Penrod, Gregg Donat, Barbara Collins, Ted Todd, Bob Freese, and Doug Morton.
 2. Staff and Guest Present:
Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Anne Jordan, and Jane Seigel. Anthony Zapata, Pro Se Project Director, was present to discuss the December conference.
 3. Introduction of Committee Members and approval of May minutes:
Bruce Embrey welcomed new committee members, Barb Collins, Bob Freese, Jim Williams; and returning member Gregg Donat. Each committee member was invited to discuss their interest in being on the Education Committee. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.
 4. Overview of the goals and objectives of the Education Committee:
Bruce Embrey read the Mission Statement of the Education Committee developed during the committee's retreat in 1999: "The mission of the Judicial Education Committee is to provide education of such depth, breadth, and quality to continually develop Indiana's judicial branch as a learning institution." Judge Embrey also reviewed the committee's primary functions: to schedule and develop curriculum for judicial officers' education programs; to identify and train the faculty for all judicial officers' conferences; and, to develop a long term vision for educating the judiciary.
 5. Review of September Judicial Conference:
Staff reported that comments about the Annual Conference were very favorable. Discussion about the conference ensued. Interactive sessions were rated the highest. Judge Brook's "fill-in" session received top ratings. It was agreed that Chief Justice's opening remarks paved the way for the entire conference. There was some discussion on handing out the Staff Agency report separately versus including it in the conference binder.
 6. Review of upcoming programs in 2001:
 - a. Vicki Davis reported on the City and Town Court Conference, Oct. 11-12.
 - b. Anne Jordan reported on the Domestic Relations Conference, November 7-8.
 - c. Cathy Springer reported that the topic of the one day December conference on December 7 is "access to justice and the self-represented and indigent litigant." Anthony Zapata, Director of the Pro Se Project, reported on the activities of the Pro Se Committee and their anticipated involvement in the conference.
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7. Program schedule for 2002:
 - a. The Spring Judicial College is April 17-19. Further discussion regarding the program will occur at the December meeting.
 - b. The Graduate Program is June 2-7 in Nashville (second year of a 2 year program).
 - c. The Juvenile Court Judicial Officers conference is June 20-21 in Brown County.
 - d. The September Judicial Conference is September 11-13 in Ft. Wayne. Some initial discussion took place regarding including multiple sessions on court technology. Further discussion will take place in December.
 - e. The two day Pre-Bench orientation will be on December 11-12.
 - f. The one day Winter Conference will be held on December 13.
 8. Where do we go from here?

Bruce Embrey identified 3 main areas he would like the Education Committee to focus on this year: 1. Continue providing interactive, small group judicial education courses and continue to acknowledge faculty and provide faculty development; 2. Pursue the ideas set forth by Earl Penrod in his "beyond the judicial college" e-mail (handed out at the meeting). 3. Continue the work of the subcommittees with a few changes: a *new Technology sub-committee* to act as a liaison with JTAC. Bruce will ask Chris Burnham to chair. A *Judicial College* subcommittee, chaired by Earl Penrod. A *Faculty Development* subcommittee, chaired by Bill Hughes. An *Orientation* subcommittee, chaired by Mike Witte. Committee members wrote down their top choices for sub-committee participation and gave them to Bruce. Assignments will be sent out soon. There will no longer be a separate Curriculum subcommittee. All committee members will participate in curriculum development, including the following: review upcoming program proposals; review the programs at the year end; and review evaluations. Staff will also work in this area.

9. Proposed meeting format and tentative meeting schedule (*enclosed*):

The subcommittees will meet from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. The full committee will meet in the afternoon, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., except on June 14, where the meeting will end at 2:00 p.m. . A one day retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2002.

10. Additional items:

A proposal from the Magistrates' committee was handed out. Cathy Springer agreed to contact the chair of the Magistrate Committee to discuss the matter further.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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